

## REMARKS

Claims 2, 9, 10, and new Claim 11 are pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 3 – 8 are withdrawn. Claim 2 has been amended to recite “R = hydroxyphenylbenzotriazole.” Support for this amendment may be found in the Specification at, for example, page 5, lines 5 – 15. Claim 9 has been amended to make it depend from Claim 2 instead of Claim 1. New Claim 11 has been added. Support for this new claim may be found in the Specification at, for example, page 5, lines 9 – 15.

Claims 1 – 10 are subject to a restriction requirement. Applicant confirms the provisional election to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (Claims 1 in part, 2, 9, and 10).

Claim 1 is objected to because it contains non-elected subject matter. In response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 1.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the “variable moiety R is defined as ‘a benzotriazole or benzophenone UV absorber.’” In response Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 and amended Claim 2.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Sheppard et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,956,269. In response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 1 and amended Claim 2 to eliminate benzophenone compounds.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Sheppard et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,956,269, in view of Loshaek, U.S. Patent No. 4,304,895. In view of the above amendments to Claims 2 and 9, Applicant believes this rejection is now moot.

Applicant believes that the above amendments and remarks have placed Claims 2, 9, 10, and 11 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claim in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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